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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 20, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.